

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A ring-shaped bonded magnet having a film layer made of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof, which is produced by a surface treating process comprising bringing a fine metal powder producing material into flowing contact with the surface of said ring-shaped bonded magnet[[.]] , thereby adhering a fine metal powder produced from said fine metal powder producing material to the surface of said ring-shaped bonded magnet.

Claim 12 (original): The ring-shaped bonded magnet according to claim 11, wherein said ring-shaped bonded magnet having the film layer made of the fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof has an L/D value equal to or larger than 1, wherein L represents a length of said magnet in a direction of a center axis of said magnet, and D represents an inside diameter of said magnet.

Claim 13 (original): The ring-shaped bonded magnet having a plated film according to claim 11 or 12 , which is produced by subjecting the ring-shaped bonded magnet having a film layer

made of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof to an electroplating treatment.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A ring-shaped bonded magnet having a surface and comprising an outer layer consisting essentially of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The ring-shaped bonded magnet according to claim 14, wherein said ring-shaped bonded magnet has an L/D value equal to or larger than 1, wherein L represents a length of said magnet in a direction of a center axis of said magnet, and D represents an inside diameter of said magnet.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A ring-shaped bonded magnet having a surface and comprising an outer layer consisting of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The ring-shaped bonded magnet according to claim 16, wherein said ring-shaped bonded magnet has an L/D value equal to or larger than 1, wherein L represents a length of said magnet in a direction of a center axis of said magnet, and D represents an inside diameter of said magnet.